

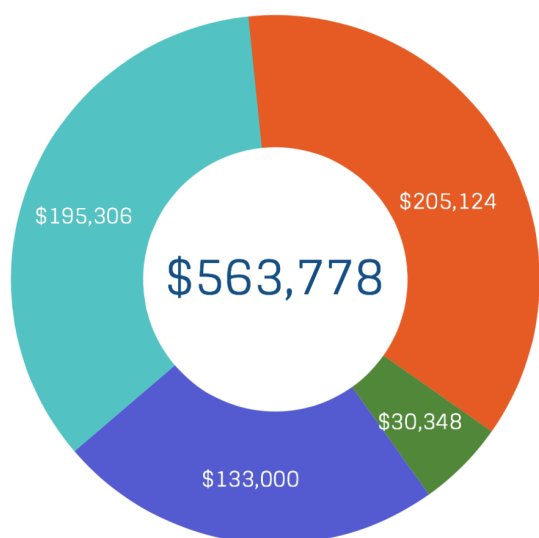
# LOWELL

## Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club, Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Career Center of Lowell, Lowell Police Department, Lowell Public Schools, Lowell Recreation Dept., UTEC, West End Gym, YWCA of Lowell

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/funding-andtraining/justice-and-prev/grants/shannon-csi/>

## Funding Allocation



## 3,008 Total Youth Served

85.0%  
At-Risk



Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

0.6%  
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

14.4%  
Proven-Risk



Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

## Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth  
Development  
&  
Recreation\*



1,262  
Participated in  
Positive Youth  
Development  
Programs

205  
Developed  
Communication and  
Conflict Resolution  
Skills

Case Management  
& Street Outreach  
or Intervention



268  
Received Street  
Outreach Services

58  
Received Case  
Management  
Services

Education  
&  
Employment



78  
Completed a  
Subsidized Summer  
Employment  
Program

16  
Passed the HiSET  
Exam

Suppression



347  
Hot Spot Patrols  
Completed

27  
Gang Members and  
High Impact Players  
Arrested

Community  
Mobilization



1,360  
People Attended  
Events, Meetings,  
and Presentations

125  
Community Events,  
Meetings, and  
Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

## Community Risk Factors

### Massachusetts

6,794,422

11.5%

2.8%

953,429

27.4%

4.9%

Total Population  
(2015 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total Public School Population  
(2015-2016)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

### Lowell

110,699

19.8%

4.9%

14,152

50.4%

5.7%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

## Lowell's Gang Activity

15

Street Gangs

800

Gang Members  
Under 25 Years Old

During 2016, the Lowell Police Department's gang database included approximately 1,000 individuals belonging to 15 different gangs. Gang recruitment focused on young adolescents and several suspects of gang-related crimes were under the age of 25 years. Gang activity primarily included firearms and drug related crimes.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2012-2016

### Massachusetts Simple Assaults

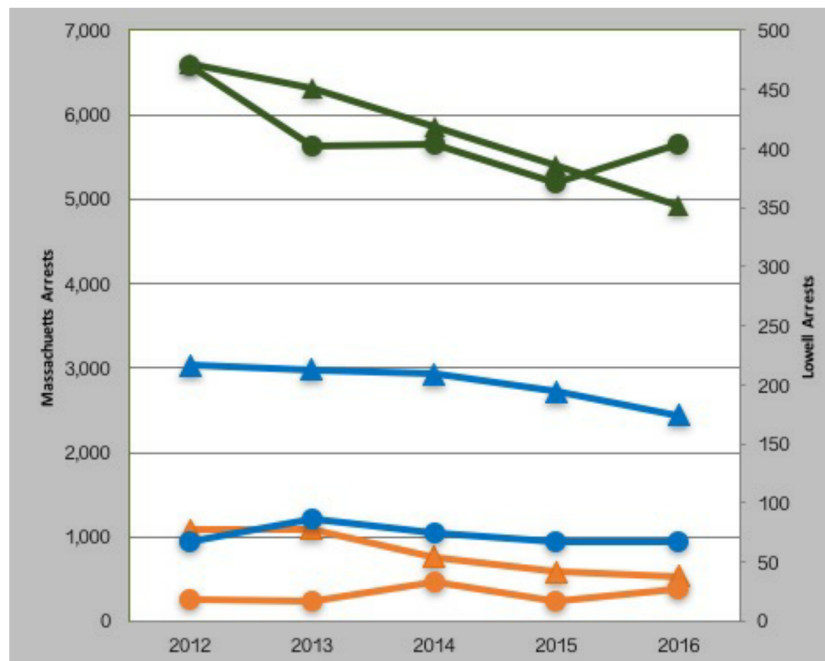
Simple assault arrests  
declined by 25.4%  
(1,678 arrests)

### Massachusetts Aggravated Assaults

Aggravated assault arrests  
declined by 19.5%  
(592 arrests)

### Massachusetts Robbery

Robbery arrests declined  
by 51.0% (549 arrests)



### Lowell Simple Assaults

Simple assault arrests  
declined by 14.4%  
(68 arrests)

### Lowell Aggravated Assaults

The number of aggravated  
assault arrests have  
remained stable.

### Lowell Robbery

Robbery arrests increased  
by 47.0% (9 arrests)